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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration are hereby requested.

Claims 1-7 were rejected as unpatentable over Huang in view of Anderson and Mishra. For independent claims 1 and 4-5 the Examiner cited Huang, column 7, lines 30-48 for the antireflective coating comprising silicon oxynitride.

Applicants reply that Huang column 7, lines 30-48 recites "organic material" for the focusing layer which also serves as an anti-reflective coating; in fact, lines 34-38 recite polymers containing dyes for absorption. In contrast, the independent claims each requires silicon oxynitride which is not an organic material. Hence, the references do not suggest the independent claims, and the claims are patentable over the references.

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